

Remarks

This is a divisional application of Application No. 10/022,339 filed December 20, 2001 (the “‘339 Application”).

Claims 9-21 are pending, with Claims 9, 11, 13-15 and 19 being independent. Claims 1-8 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 11, 12 and 14 have been amended and Claims 15-21 have been added herein.

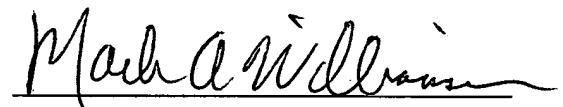
Claims 9-14 were originally presented in the ‘339 Application, but were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner by way of a restriction requirement. Minor changes were made to Claims 11, 12 and 14 to improve their form. In addition, Claim 12 has been rewritten as Claims 12, 20 and 21 to avoid multiple dependency. Claims 15-19 were presented in a Supplemental Amendment dated July 22, 2003, but were also withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. None of the claim changes or additions have been made for any reasons related to patentability.

The specification has been amended to include amendments made in the ‘339 Application. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Early and favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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